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SECNAV INSTRUCTION 3900.43B

From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: POLICY AND ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE
       SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION PROGRAM (STIP)

Ref: (a) Department of Defense Directive 3200.12 of 11 Feb 98
            (NOTAL)
       (b) Department of Defense Instruction 3200.14 of
            13 May 97 (NOTAL) (Note: Administrative Reissuance
            incorporating through Change 3, 28 Jun 01)

1. Purpose. To implement, establish policy, and assign
responsibility for the Department of the Navy (DON) Scientific
and Technical Information Program, under references (a) and (b).
It is a complete revision and should be read in its entirety.

2. Cancellation. SECNAVINST 3900.43A.

3. Scope. This instruction is applicable to all commands and
activities within DON responsible for the management,
administration, and execution of DON activities supporting STIP.

4. Definition. Scientific and Technical Information (STI) is
the communicable knowledge or information resulting from or
about the conduct and management of scientific and engineering
efforts.

5. Policy. It is DON policy that a variety of information-
support efforts to identify and promote awareness of STI
generated by DON research, development, test and evaluation
activities promotes an environment of timely and cost-effective
management, facilitates the elimination of unnecessary
duplication of effort, and advances naval, Department of
Defense, and national efforts. These activities shall be
carried out per references (a) and (b).

6. <u>Responsibilities</u>

    a. The Chief of Naval Research (CNR) is responsible for representing and managing the DON Scientific and Technical Information Program. The CNR shall name a senior science and technology information program manager to represent the DON.

    b. The Heads of the DON components shall implement this instruction and the policy and principles in references (a) and (b). That includes responsibility to:

        (1) Establish, operate, and administer STIP functions and activities required for the conduct of their missions.

        (2) Provide programming, budgeting, funding, and other fiscal support for their STIP activities.

7. <u>Action</u>. Responsible entities shall take the necessary steps to implement DON STIP as outlined in this instruction.

                                    Gordon R. England
                                    Secretary of the Navy

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